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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the Office Communication mailed August 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this response.